

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 510
By Callicott

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Betty Osbourn Reagan.

WHEREAS, it was with great sorrow and a profound sense of loss that the members of the General Assembly learned of the death of Betty Osbourn Reagan, “the First Lady of Brentwood”, a highly respected political activist and community leader; and

WHEREAS, Betty Osbourn Reagan was deeply concerned about making her Brentwood community a better place in which to live, she had the distinction of being the first woman ever elected to the Brentwood Board of Commissioners in 1989; and

WHEREAS, she was also a broker with J. Carter & Associates Realtors in Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, born November 19, 1929, in Louisville, Kentucky, Betty was the daughter of proud parents Thomas E. and Mary Agnes Miles Osbourn; and

WHEREAS, she married her husband, Joe Reagan, the current Mayor of Brentwood, on September 2, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Betty has a long history of community involvement, serving on the board of the Brentwood YMCA and the Endowment Development Committee of the YMCA Foundation. A communicant of Holy Family Catholic Church, she served on the committee created by former Bishop James Nledergeses to establish the Brentwood parish in the late 1980s; and

WHEREAS, she was also a eucharistic minister, lector and member of the Council of Church Women and host committee; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Brentwood Board of Commissioners, she served on the Williamson County Economic Development Council and the city's library board. She also served as a board member of the Williamson County Unit Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Brentwood Network and American Business Women's Association; and

WHEREAS, she was the 1995 president of the Williamson County Association of Realtors, as well as past president of both the Nashville and Williamson County Women's Council of Realtors, which she founded. For her work, she received the first "Distinguished Service Award" from the Tennessee Women's Council of Realtors in 1995. She was also honored as Realtor of the Year in 1992 by the Williamson County Association of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband, Joe Reagan; five children, Mike and (Peggy) Reagan of Centreville, Virginia, Steve and (Pam) Reagan of Reno, Nevada, Patty and (Bob) Feinstein of Franklin; John and (Leslie) Reagan of Smyrna, and Mark Reagan of Nashville; seven grandchildren, Scott and Steve Reagan of Centreville, Virginia, Angie, Amy and Kristin Reagan of Reno, Nevada, Kristi Feinstein of Franklin, and Jackson Reagan of Smyrna; three brothers, Jeff Osbourn, Pat Osbourn, both of Louisville, Kentucky, and Joe Osbourn of Orlando, Florida; and three sisters, Helen McGee and Fran Brown of Louisville, and Mary Valla of New Jersey; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause to honor the memory of Betty Osbourn Reagan, the "First Lady of Brentwood", and express our deepest condolences to her family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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